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SUBJECT: DRAFT ARRIVAL STATEMENT AND PRESS STATEMENT

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1. FOLLOWING ARE TEXTS OF DRAFT ARRIVAL STATEMENT AND PRESS STATEMENT FOR ISSUANCE AT CONCLUSION OF VICE-PRESIDENT'S VISIT. REQUEST ANY COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE BY IMMEDIATE CABLE.

2. ARRIVAL STATEMENT: QUOTE --IT IS AN HONOR TO BEGIN THIS ROUND OF DISCUSSIONS WITH EUROPEAN LEADERS IN THE COUNTRY WHICH HAS COME THE LONGEST DISTANCE IN RECENT HISTORY TOWARD TAKING ITS PLACE AMONG EUROPE'S INDUSTRIAL DEMOCRACIES. --IT IS ALSO A GREAT PLEASURE TO MEET A NEW FRIEND IN PRESIDENT ANTONIO RAMALHO EANES, WHO SAW PRESIDENT CARTER LAST TUESDAY (MAY 10 AT THE LONDON NATO SUMMIT), AS
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WELL AS TO SEE AGAIN PRIME MINISTER MARIO SOARES, WHO PAID US THE HONOR OF A VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES LAST MONTH (APRIL 18-22). --THE UNITED STATES IS GRATEFUL TO PORTUGAL FOR OFFERING TO WORK WITH US IN THE SEARCH FOR PEACEFUL AND JUST SOLUTIONS TO PRESSING AFRICAN PROBLEMS, AND IN SUPPORT OF HUMAN RIGHTS AROUND THE WORLD.

--PORTUGAL'S OWN LEADERS ARE RECEIVING BROAD RECOGNITION FOR THEIR EFFECTIVE ADVOCACY OF HUMAN RIGHTS. --OUR MUTUAL COMMITMENT TO SHARED VALUES SUCH AS THESE IS A SIGNIFICANT PART OF THE CLOSE, COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND PORTUGAL. -- FOR OUR PART IN THIS RELATIONSHIP, PRESIDENT CARTER HAS PERSONALLY REAFFIRMED OUR COMMITMENT TO HELP PORTUGAL IN ITS EFFORTS TO CONSOLIDATE DEMOCRATIC GAINS THROUGH ECONOMIC RECOVERY. --AS THE PRIME MINISTER HAS SAID, WITHOUT ECONOMIC RECOVERY THERE CAN BE NO DEMOCRACY. --THIS VISIT IS ALSO AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN FIRST HAND THE VIEWS OF THE LEADERS WHO ARE GUIDING THE COURAGEOUS RECOVERY PROGRAM ON WHICH PORTUGAL IS EMBARKED. --BACKING FOR PORTUGAL'S DRAMATIC YET UNIQUELY NON-VIOLENT POLITICAL TRANSITION IS, OF COURSE, A RESPONSIBILITY WHICH ALL OF PORTUGAL'S FRIENDS AND ALLIES HAVE RECOGNIZED AND SHARE. --FINALLY, I WANT TO THANK THE STAFF THAT PLANNED THE TRIP SO AS TO GIVE ME FREE TIME IN ONE OF EUROPE'S LOVELIEST SETTINGS AND MOST FAMOUS TOURIST AREAS (REVIVING TOURISM IS IMPORTANT TO PORTUGAL'S RECOVERY). UNQUOTE

3. PRESS STATEMENT: QUOTE: AT THE INVITATION OF PRIME MINISTER MARIO SOARES, VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE, ACCOMPANIED BY OTHER U.S. OFFICIALS, VISITED LISBON MAY 14-16. HE MET WITH PRESIDENT EANES, PRIME MINISTER SOARES, ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT FERNANDES, AND OTHER PORTUGUESE POLITICAL LEADERS. THE VICE PRESIDENT HAD PRODUCTIVE DISCUSSIONS ON A WIDE RANGE OF BILATERAL AND INTERNATIONAL ISSUES WITH HIS PORTUGUESE HOSTS.
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4. THE VICE PRESIDENT CONGRATULATED PORTUGAL'S LEADERS ON THEIR SUCCESS IN RESTORING DEMOCRACY AND REAFFIRMED THE STRONG COMMITMENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE FOR PORTUGAL'S ECONOMIC RECOVERY. HE EXPRESSED HIS STRONG DESIRE TO COOPERATE CLOSELY WITH THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT IN PROMOTING GREATER RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE SAID THAT THE RECENT MEETINGS BETWEEN PORTUGUESE AND UNITED STATES LEADERS IN LISBON, LONDON AND WASHINGTON HAD CONTRIBUTED GREATLY TO UNITED STATES UNDERSTANDING OF PORTUGAL'S INTERESTS AND OBJECTIVES AND EVEN GREATER APPRECIATION OF THE DEDICATION OF PORTUGAL'S PEOPLE TO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETING THEIR TRANSITION TO A FULL AND PROSPEROUS ROLE IN WESTERN EUROPE AND THE NORTH ATLANTIC COMMUNITY. UNQUOTE. CHRISTOPHER

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